

REMARKS

The claims are now 1-2 and 4-20; a total of 19 claims. With this Amendment, claims 1, 4, and 5 are amended and claim 3 is cancelled.

Claims 1 and 3-5 were rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,625,100. A Terminal Disclaimer is enclosed.

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,917,798 (Horimai). Applicant traverses this rejection. In particular, Applicant respectfully submits that transparent medium (8) in Horimai is not a substrate. On the contrary, transparent medium (8) in Horimai is formed in sequence between holographic layer (3) and reflective film (5).

Nevertheless, Applicant has amended the claims to expedite allowance of this application. The Examiner indicated that claims 3-5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to include the recitation of claim 3, and claim 3 has been cancelled. Claims 4 and 5 have each been rewritten to incorporate the recitation of original claim 1. Claims 2 and 6 depend from amended claim 1 (which includes the recitation of claim 3) and thus are also in condition for allowance.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 7-20.

Claims 1-2 and 4-20 are in condition for allowance. Notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

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